GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY AT MUMBAI AIRPORT
ANANDRAO ADSUL;ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some objectionable items were found at Chhatrapati Shivaji Domestic Airport in Mumbai, recently;

(b) if so, whether his ministry has inquired into the matter;

(c) if so,the delails thereof;and

(d) the action taken by the Government to beef up security arrangements at Airport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b)& (c): Yes, Sir. There were four incidents on 26.8.01, 18.9.01, 9.10.01 and 29.10.01 respectively at Mumbai airport in which arms and ammunitions were recovered from the hand baggages of the passengers travelling by Jet Airways. The Maharashtra Police is investigating the cases.

(d) Government have taken the following steps, inter alia, to strengthen security at airports:-

(i) Deployment of Sky Marshals on all routes of scheduled domestic airlines at random basis

(ii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in a timebound manner

(iii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports

(iv) Strict access control and screening of passengers and their baggage, including at ladder point.